THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) No industrial licence/DGTD registration with export obligation condition has been issued to M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited during the last three years. However, a letter of intent dated 23-1-1991 for the manufacture of Natural Organic Acits has been issued with export obligation condition to M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited. In terms of the current licensing policy, the project covered by this letter of intent is in the de-licensed sector. The company is yet to report commercial production in respect of this unit. The company has offered voluntarily to export the entire production of Marine Products covered by a DGTD Registration dated 24-7-1990 and intimated that commercial production in this unit has commenced recently.

Export Oriented Units set up by the company in Export Processing Zones etc. are monitored by the concerned Development Commissioners under the Ministry of Commerce.

No fresh foreign investment was involved in any of the projects for which industrial licences/DGTD Registrations were granted during the last three years.

Industrial sickness in Andhra Pradesh

4710. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial sickness is highest in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the high rate of industrial sickness, particularly in the small scale sector;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal to revive sick units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. As per the latest available data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India as on 30-9-1990, the State of Andhra Pradesh ranked fifth in the number of sick units in non-small scale sector and third in the number of sick units in the small scale sector.

(b) A number of causes, both internal and external, are responsible for industrial sickness. In the small scale sector, the main causes of sickness are inadequate of working capital, shortage of raw material, management deficiencies, obsolescence of technology, etc.

(c) No over-all proposal for revival of sick units has been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to the Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Small diesel car

4711. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Financial Express dated 1st August, 1992 captioned 'Small Diesel Car Proposed';

(b) what are the details of the proposed car including its price; and

(c) what is the status of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no such proposal with the Government.